

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her community; and

**Whereas**, Mary C. Kasten, an esteemed resident of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, will be honored for her contributions to the Cape Girardeau community during the Cape Girardeau County Lincoln Days Celebration to be held March 8, 2003; and

**Whereas**, the proud recipient of numerous awards and honors including the 1998 Missouri Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture Award, Mary Kasten has compiled an enviable list of service to the Cape Girardeau community through her unwavering support of such organizations as the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Girardeau Board of Education, the Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents, Cape Girardeau Civic Center, Southeast Missouri Medical Alliance, 4-H, the P.T.A. Council, and the Cape Girardeau Community Caring Council, which she founded in 1989; and

**Whereas**, a staunch Republican and active member of the Republican Party, Mary Kasten served the citizenry of the 158th District in the Missouri House of Representatives from 1982 to 2000, where she was a member of numerous committees and sub-committees and was respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle; and

**Whereas**, Mary Kasten's other notable affiliations include Delta Kappa Gamma, the Missouri School Board Association, Missourians First, the Boy Scouts of America program, the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education, the Children's Trust Fund, and M.A.R.C.H. Mediation Program; and

**Whereas**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow, Mary Kasten was born in Matthews, Missouri, on June 6, 1928, and received her education in the Matthews Public Schools before attending Southeast Missouri State University, from which she earned her B.S. in Education, and continuing her studies at the University of Pittsburgh; and

**Whereas**, a devout member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church where she has glorified the Lord as a Sunday School teacher and choir member, Mary Kasten has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband of fifty-three years, Dr. Melvin Kasten, who will also be honored during the Lincoln Days Celebration; her three children, Mark, Michael, and Margaret "Meg"; and her nine grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mary Kasten at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mary C. Kasten.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

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Representative Jason Crowell  
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 719, adopted March 6, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker